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SUBJECT: TARIFF RECLASSIFICATION OF SINGLE-CRYSTAL QUARTZ
AND ARTICLES THEREOF

1. ON FEBRUARY 3, THE EC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON
DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING NOTE: QUOTE: THE DELEGATION OF
THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOUR
TO REFER TO TREASURY DEPARTMENT DECISION NUMBER TD 74-260
REGARDING THE TARIFF CLASSIFICATION OF SINGLE-CRYSTAL
QUARTZ AND ARTICLES THEREOF (FEDERAL REGISTER, VOLUME 39,
NUMBER 195, OCTOBER 7, 1974).

BY THIS DECISION, SINGLE-CRYSTAL QUARTZ AND ARTICLES
THEREOF, USED PRINCIPALLY IN THE MANUFACTURE OF ELECTRONIC
CIRCUIT COMPONENTS, HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM TSUS ITEM
540.11 (GLASS IN THE MASS, CONTAINING OVER 95 PER CENT
SILICA BY WEIGHT) TO ITEM 520.75 (SYNTHETIC MATERIALS OF
GEMSTONE QUALITY). AS A RESULT, THE CUSTOMS DUTY APPLIED
TO THESE ARTICLES IS DOUBLED FROM 7.5 PER CENT TO 15
PER CENT.

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THIS DECISION HANDICAPS EUROPEAN EXPORTS OF THESE ARTICLES

TO THE UNITED STATES - EXPORTS WHICH WERE DEVELOPING
FAVOURABLY. THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
CONSIDERS THAT THE ARTICLES IN QUESTION ARE NOT RECEIVING
THE TREATMENT WHICH SHOULD RESULT FROM THE UNITED STATES'

CONCESSION AT THE TIME OF THE KENNEDY ROUND NEGOTIATIONS.
THE COMMISSION THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT PRIOR
CLASSIFICATION BE REINSTITUTED. END QUOTE.

2. WE INDICATED WE WOULD BRING THIS MATTER TO THE
ATTENTION OF THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. KISSINGER

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